

REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

Reconsideration of the present application is respectfully requested.

Claims 1, 3-4, 6, 10-12, 15-17, 20, 22, 24-26, 28, 30-33, 35, 38-39, 42-43, 45-46 and 49-50 are currently pending in the application, of which Claims 1, 20 and 30 are in independent form.

The Examiner rejected Claims 1, 3-4, 6, 10-12, 15-17, 20, 22, 24-26, 28, 30-33, 35, 38-39, 42-43, 45-46 and 49-50 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Pub. No. 2003/0119452 to *Kim et al.* (hereinafter *Kim*) in view of U.S. Patent No. 7,031,708 to *Sarkkinen et al.* (hereinafter *Sarkkinen*).

Regarding the §103(a) rejection, it is respectfully asserted that the rejection is improper and should be withdrawn for the following reasons.

Applicants respectfully assert that under 35 U.S.C. §103(c), *Kim* is an improper reference since the subject matter of *Kim* and the claimed invention were, at the time the claimed invention was made, owned by the same person or subject to an obligation of assignment to the same person. Thus, it is respectfully submitted that the §103(a) rejection citing *Kim* in view of *Sarkkinen* is incorrect, and accordingly, withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

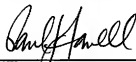
Applicants direct the Examiner's attention to the enclosed certified English translation of the foreign priority document in this application, KPA No. 2003-8934 filed on February 12, 2003, which Applicants respectfully assert perfects priority in this application.

Independent Claims 1, 20 and 30 are believed to be in condition for allowance. Without conceding the patentability per se of dependent claims 3-4, 6, 10, 15-17, 20, 22, 24-26, 28, 31-33, 35, 38-39, 42-43, 45-46 and 49-50, these are likewise believed to be allowable by virtue of their

35, 38-39, 42-43, 45-46 and 49- 50, these are likewise believed to be allowable by virtue of their dependence on their respective independent claims. Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections of dependent Claims 3-4, 6, 10, 15-17, 20, 22, 24-26, 28, 31-33, 35, 38-39, 42-43, 45-46 and 49- 50, is respectfully requested.

Accordingly, all of the claims pending in the Application, namely, Claims 1, 3-4, 6, 10-12, 15-17, 20, 22, 24-26, 28, 30-33, 35, 38-39, 42-43, 45-46 and 49-50, are believed to be in condition for allowance. Should the Examiner believe that a telephone conference or personal interview would facilitate resolution of any remaining matters, the Examiner may contact Applicants' attorney at the number given below.

Respectfully submitted,

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